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THE convict systems of some of the Bourbon States are a blot on our civiliza-

the proper work for Republican mission-Unless we really intend to haul our flag

Proserving, not excommunicating, is

off the ocean we should begin at once the work of building a navy. The trade dollar is a nuisance that

should be summarily suppressed by recoinage into standard dollars. THE K. K. K. is revived. Keifer, Kelly, and Kas-

ion are the leaders of the Republican party.-Post. Not on the Mississippi plan, however. THE flat clerkship of the House

awarded to the Rev. Dr. De La Matyr should be satisfactory to that eminent apostle of the fiat creed. By the time a few more of the new

Democratic members are victimized by the monte men Congress will get ready to increase our police force. Norming succeeds like success. The anti-Bourbon fight in Virginia now com-

mands the admiration of thousands who contemned it a few months ago. Ir would be unkind to assume that all the Democrats in the House will vote to

keep intruders in seats that belong to other and more honest men. REORGANIZATION of the red-shirt rifle of South Carolina. Liberty and equal

rights will win the day even in that State. THE colored people of the South will rise up and get out of every locality where they are denied their political rights. Will such denial pay in the long

Tue crocodiles of the Nile would turn green with envy if they could but behold the magnitude and number of the tears future. The nations of the earth saw, that are shed by Democrats over the defeat of Mr. Rainey.

Is the Marine Corps really must have a brigadier-general, let one be borrowed Minister Hurlbut will be sustained in too to the front again, to sweep away the want of a brigadier?

course to run and be glorified in France | that he will be ambitious to distinguish under the new Ministry we must have himself only as a pacificator. our hog products rigidly inspected. And that is not unreasonable.

Ir seems possible to believe in sanctiso truly good that they have to rise up and cry out against Patti on account of her marital disarrangements.

Southern solidity was secured by an enormous expenditure of hideous crime. It will disappear because the infamous means essential to its preservation are ab horrent to the spirit of the age.

In order to placate the Democracy at the Capitol it might be well to let them have a sort of supplemental Potter committee, so that they can get "the fraud issue" in shape for the campaign of 1884.

EXPERTS are seldom more harmonious than laymen. The question, What de-"crankiness" destroys responsibility? cannot be solved by the professional more readily than the non-professional mind.

THE Jews in Russia have as little security for life as the Czar. There are eleven ponderous books of Russian laws relating to the Jews, but the courts of that wretched empire are a miserable mockery of justice.

In the bright lexicon of the Bourbons there's no such word as "murder"-only will be the basis of abundant comment "homicides not justified by law"—when and discussion. white men kill negroes. But when a white man is killed by a negro the nearest rope and tree suffice for the occasion.

The good doctrine of protection for those whose hobby it long has been. It home industries is in danger of making is a breezy and refreshing review of the implacable enemies so long as it is used advantages and objections connected as a plea for taxing the material from which school-books and newspapers at times runs into most exquisite satire. are made. A tax on knowledge and news It clearly shows that the subject is one can never be popular.

THE man who at murky midnight emerges from his neighbor's sheep pasture with a fat weather on his back has just as honest and honorable a title to the animal as has the cowitch statesman to the seat in the House that belongs to the "Shoestring District.

should be composed of energetic men, on if its thousands of employees were the able and willing to do their work mere election bummers they are reprepromptly and thoroughly. The custom sented as being? And how do they supof deferring the settlement of contests for pose it would go on if it could be turned seats until near the end of the term is one that calls for a new departure.

Come on, men and brethen who want offices. There is plenty of room in our hotels and boarding-houses. You may not get the thing you seek, but we can will correct the crude notions of many ference when he describes the Tunisian insure you a large gain in valuable experience. You will get wisdom, and that is said to be better than riches.

Ir is intimated that before the season

The President's Message

ument. It is excellent in its sense, comsuccessful private business." It is a faith- voted to their work. ful compliance with the requirement of and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." The affairs of the Government and the condition of the Nation are stated with more detail than is usual in such documents. The recommendations are clear, and the reasons for them stated with simplicity and directness, There is not a passage in it which will find its way into any school-book of declamatory extracts, nor one which could be left out without withholding information or marring the statement of opinions. In short, the message is a plain and simple communication on every branch of the public business.

The most interesting feature of that portion of the message which refers to foreign affairs is the statement to the effect that the President has proposed a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850 with England, to secure the maintenance of the American doctrine of noninterference by European powers with the affairs of the countries in the Western Hemisphere. The statement is made in no words or tone of menace, but if there are intrigues on foot for subjecting Colombia to trans-Atlantic influence the message will furnish food for reflection, The President will be sustained by the whole people in standing by the treaty of 1846 with Colombia, which makes the United States the sole guaranter of the integrity of that republic and of the neutrality of any water-way across its territory. It is not likely that the English government will stand in the way of conforming the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the friendly policy thus proposed.

Mexico will not fail to appreciate the just and energetic manner in which the President refers to the border raids into her territory by desperadoes from our jurisdiction, and Congress will probably heed the suggestion for a remedy against a continuance of these outrages. It is the highest assurance vet given our neighbor across the Rio Grande of our friendly disposition, and harmonizes well with the allusions to the nearer relations six years. All that the Democracy can into which railroad enterprises are bringing the two republics.

The peace-makers sent to Chili and Peru will be able to give us a clearer understanding than we have yet had of the war between our Ministers to those counplubs will not prevent the readjustment tries. The language of the President raises no apprehension that there is to be any departure from the public law or tradition in dealing with the battered Republic of Peru or her victorious enemy. The powerful influence of the great Republic in composing the differences between these two nations will of course be of a successful belligerent in war to indemnity for the past and security for the without remonstrance, Germany seize Alsace and Lorraine after the Francomade. The special envoy has a delicate Is the Columbian swine is to have free duty to perform, and it is to be hoped

The financial recommendations are important, embracing the abolition of all internal taxes except on tobacco and fication when we find Washington editors | liquors and a commission to propose tariff revision; also a modification of the silverdollar legislation, to remove the requirement for the coinage of a fixed amount per month, and the retirement of the silver-dollar certificates. The President is a stout hard-money advocate, and in this New York and Ohio have long vied with each other. The phrase includes resistance to all new theories concerning currency.

The message advocates the adoption of General Sherman's recommendation for an increase of the army to thirty thousand.

The nearest approach to enthusiasm in the document is in the earnestness with which the rehabilitation of the navy is advocated. It will evidently be one of the President's favorite projects to see the work started on a comprehensive plan for this object. The surplus revenues need not embarrass a nation of fifty million people, which has the greatest sea-coast of any power, and no navy.

The Indian problem, polygamy, Missis sippi River improvements, and the postal service are all given due attention, and the President's treatment of them

His discussion of the civil service and the various projects for its improvement will be a liberal education to some of the most pretentious and least intelligent of with the various measures proposed, and which has greatly occupied the President's mind, and that he is prepared to join earnestly in all rational efforts for securing the best service. He repels the charge that our public servants are generally unworthy, and in so doing states what every man familiar with public affairs knows to be true. How do the self-styled Reformers suppose the busi-THE House Committee on Elections ness of this great Government could go over to a class of men knowing nothing which they were transplanted when the frontier of Tripoli." This is clear and graduated? The President's suggestions on this theme are as good as gold, and

subject. our navigation interests." Can be recon- matter. It is practically compelled to passes the Democratic joint caucus of the cile the conflict between those who seek | pursue the path on which its predecessor Senate and House will invite "ex-Presi- only to establish a carrying trade and entered and progressed so far that loss of will be remembered that "ex-President Tilden" has not been in the Capital since the close of his administration.

Sample of the simple of the dent Tilden" to visit Washington. It those who seek to build the ships for that prestige would be the inevitable result of

able but inexperienced students of the

The message is a most satisfactory doc- good. prehensiveness, and literary execution. Commissioners for the improvement of nomination for the Vice-Presidency President. Our District will have a good which says that "the rules which should and wise friend in him, and if Conbe applied to the management of the pub- gress will be liberal and attentive all lie service may properly conform in the will be well. Attention is what we need. main to such as regulate the conduct of The District Committees should be de-

The message concludes with an appeal the Constitution that the President "shall to Congress to no longer leave unprovided from time to time give to the Congress for contests over the returns of presideninformation of the state of the Union, tial elections, and to consider the questions presented by the Constitutional provision concerning the inability of the President.

The Retired Democracy. For six years the Democratic party has had uninterrupted control of the popular branch of Congress, and during two years of that time it had a large majority in the Senate. By suppressing the Republican vote in several States through the employment of force and fraud this ascendancy was continued for four years, or two full congressional terms, after the anti-Republican spasm of 1874 had subsided. We do not believe there is a single member of Congress from any State, or a well-States, who entertains a doubt that had have been Republican.

It is equally well known that but for suppression of the colored vote the pres-House would be overwhelmingly Republican, instead of showing so slight a preponderance on that side.

ponent what account does the Democracy render? Where is its record of good accomplished, or even attempted? We admit that there has been no opportunity for that party to carry out any legislative design against the executive will, but it may be fairly judged by what it tried to do and what it left untried.

For many years it had been assailing the tariff. It had hurled anathemas from all its conventions, in all its platforms in all its organs, from all its leading statesmen at the alleged iniquities of the schedule of duties on imports. It had charged that labor was plundered and corrupt monopolies were fostered by 'infamous discrimination against labor.' But where are all its promises to reform the tariff? If it be true that monopolies were ever fostered and fattened on the sweat of honest labor by any Congress those cormorants have found their most pliant tools in the Capitol during the last show in the line of "revenue reform" is the quinine bill! Its ten thousand promises have been ruthlessly disregarded. A Democratic Speaker, repeatedly elected, has arranged the Ways and Means Committee with the single pur-

pose of preventing "revenue reform." years were their repeated attempts to put | Capitol. the States on top of the Nation by destroying national supervision of national elections. For this purpose they imposed immense expenditure for special sessions strife in the country. They were deliberate but desperate in their malevolent purpose to enthrone their old deity, State Rights.

And they carry their design into their to be avoided. Prussian war, and it is not likely that fetirement, intending, if ever they come in Peru during the state of war which elections for Congressmen. They hav continues until the terms of peace are not learned that this is a Nation. They still regard the Union as a confederation. The old heresy of State sovereignty is still the dearest tenet of their creed.

Time would fail us to review the in vestigations intended to bring to light is therefore the Nation's city. great frauds in the public service, but the main result of which was the serious demaging of a number of Democratic statesmen of previous high repute. Nor will we attempt to portray the sufferings question of Keeping a Door. The party seemed to have lost all its capacity for affairs. It could touch nothing without scandalizing itself.

All the great wants of the Republic have been neglected. Our navy has continued to rot, and our commerce has nearly disappeared from the seas. The party intrusted with the public purse has box in the hands of Thugs, while the ject. great interests of a mighty Nation have languished in neglect. It is high time for a change. We can have nothing worse; we hope for a great deal better.

As Relates to the Navy.

It would be an uncalled-for and an unjustifiable reflection on popular intelligence to suppose that the people of any district have sent to Congress a man who is ignorant of the fact that our navy is disgracefully impotent as regards ships and guns.

It would be an unwarranted reflection on the intelligence and patriotism of Congress to suppose this shameful impotency will be continued by reason of further

All the facts of the situation have been laid before Congress, together with all needful information as to what should be done in the premises.

And as there is no reason to impeach either the mental or moral character of the National Legislature, it should be safe to assume that before the session closes the imperative duty of making a beginning in the great work of putting our naval establishment on a basis of decently respectable efficiency will be inaugurated.

Meantime let the officers of the navy give to this great and important matter some portion of that abundant zeal and energy which have too often been wasted on personal contests relating to promo-

Gambetta's Foreign Policy. "It is not desirable to have the Porte for an immediate neighbor," says M. sensible enough; but M. Gambetta makes a distinction marked by absence of difpolicy of the government as a protectorate and not annexation. The Ministry is The President hints at protection to placed where it has no option on this

ship-owners in the United States will do dent for France "to scatter her forces over the the face of the earth, like Eng-The recommendations of the District land." For the past ten years the French people have made vast progress in all It is in the key of that sentence of the the Potomac Flats and the increase of that pertains to the greatness and glory President's letter of acceptance of the the water supply are indersed by the of a mation. No other country in Europe, and no country on the globe, save our own,

has made such wonderful advancement as our great sister Republic across the ocean. All this the Republic achieved by sedulously minding her own business, and especially by pursuing a foreign policy the reverse of that which England pushed with such disastrous results under Beaconsfield. We are sure that public opinion demands the course marked out by Gambetta, but we are by no means confident that France will not soon have reason to regret the initiation of this African business. She may need all her strength much nearer home than Tunis.

T. B. ALDRICH's little poem, "Prescience," in the December Harper, is very pretty and sweet and all that, but it seems to reach after the intangible rather too far for the tastes of a practical people in this utilitarian age. When the poet gets his heroine, a young lady, standing by her lover in a graveyard, her feet by the ivy-covered grave of a little stranger child, crying for the baby she informed man in any part of the United | may lose in the "unknown years" to come-when those "tears for the unthere been a fair vote and an honest known years and a sorrow that is to be" count all over the country the Forty- are gushing, we can't for the life of us fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses would help recalling the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Toodles as Mrs. T. explains to Mr. T. how the door-plate of "Thompson' with a "p" may be utilized when they shall have had a daughter and she shall have grown up and married a party by the name of "Thompson" with a "p." It On passing the sceptre over to its op- is hoped that the average young lady has less "Prescience" than Mr. Aldrich's heroine.

The growing popularity of Judge Lynch in many States is largely due to the fact that in their criminal courts trials do not try and convictions do not convict. When the rich and the poor fare alike in all the so-called courts of justice, when social influence fails to tell on the rolings of judges or the findings of the juries, when supposed criminals, without regard to previous standing, are promply in dicted and arraigned, fairly tried, and, if found guilty, punished as the laws pre-scribe—when, in short, the courts command the respect of the people rather than inspire general contempt, as is the case with too many of them now, we shall have done with lynching. Meantime we are in favor of the courts trying to vindicate their title to respect by bringing all lynchers to justice.

THERE is slight prospect of any very material changes in the revenue laws during the Forty-seventh Congress. It is conceded that some of the taxes are too high and that the amount of revenue collected is too great; but it is scarcely possible to agree upon any revenue-reform bill, so conflicting are the views and interests The only great and persistent efforts involved, and so narrow is the margin of made by the Democracy during all these | the dominant party in both ends of the

THE Appropriations Committee, when appointed, should be able to understand that, while the people desire economy, they exercised with a due regard to the rights and used various devices for stirring up parsimony. There is need of expending a large amount of money in permanent public works. It is the waste of public funds on worthless schemes, not its judicious application to needful works, that is

The people of this District, who are from the army. But what in the name ready an attempt to fix the Chilian lines last vestige of national supervision of taxed while denied representation, expect justice at the hands of the body on which the Constitution imposes the duty of legislating for them. It should be remembered that Washington, unlike any other capital on earth, was created for the sole purpose of national headquarters. It

Is any respectable naval power were to engage in war with the United Statesand such a thing is always a contingency to be provided for-we could be dam nged before we could prepare for defense of the Democracy on the great national to an extent forty times greater than the cost of an efficient navy and coast defenses. It is not statesmanship, but asininity, to take this risk.

THERE is a general disposition among Congressmen to treat the army with more consideration than it has received during the past six years. There is need of a small increase in the force of enlisted devoted its time to howling "Fraud!" men. This necessity is apparent to all Fraud!" and trying to but the ballot- who have given any attention to the sub-

In starting on the fifth year of its mundane career the "National Democratic organ" should not leave the country to worry along in perplexing doubt as to the editor's opinion of the election of 1876 and the validity of the title by which President Hayes held his office.

LOST IN THE SNOW.

Major James W. Donnelly, of the General Land Office, has returned from the Territories where he has been for some time upon special business for the Department. Some of the Major's experiences during his trip, however, prove the nciancholy truth that "the traveler's lot is not a happy one." Major Donnelly was caught in a ter-rible snow storm in the wilds of Idaho during the first part of November, with a team and a surveyor The unfortunate travelers had neither food, com-pus, nor even the means of making a fire. The snow fell in blinding sheets, and the gentlemen had to detach their nearly frozen horses from the wagon. After a desperate effort to return to their abandoned camp they discovered that the driving snow had completely obliverated their tracks. Fol-lowing a course due south, the hapless travelera finally succeeded, more deed than alive, in strik-ing the railroad, after spending two dreary days and nights without food, or drink, or fire, and half frozen. "Indeed it began to look mighty bli-jour." said the genish major, "and as if I should ious," said the genial major, "and as if I shoul never more renew my pleasant acquaint ance with the Goddess of Liberty. Major Donnelley, however, looks nonance with the Goddess of Liberty."

Major Donnelley, however, looks none
the worse for his thrilling adventures by
flood and field, and resumes his duties to day as
chief of the financial division, whose clerks and
"clerkesses" were delighted to welcome him.

Mer boundles below with ser to the femile. Mrs. Donnelley brings with her, to the family's new residence on T street, her lovely and accom-plished sister, who will spend the winter here, and also, doubtless, spread terror and destruction through the ranks of our Washington beaux.

Mr. Conkling and the "Tribune." In speaking of the nomination of Gen-eral Keifer as Speaker of the House of Representa-tives yesterday the Tribuna said: "Yet the nominaof affairs but what they learned at the university and in the Department to tion of pushing military occupation to the department to the fearliest of Tripoll." This is clear and the fearliest of Tripoll." This is clear and the fearliest of the fearliest of Tripoll." This is clear and the fearliest of Tripoll. that extenordinary sheet burst out in this wise.
"New York State is again under obligation to the
Stalwarts. They have described her of the Speak-erning of the House of Representatives. First and last, Mr. Conkling has contrived to be of tremen dons value to his own State." That man Couk-ling causes the *Tribuse* a great deal of uncasiness and its efforts to strike at him are ludierous Having "won a Garfield victory" with "a Gar-field man" from "Garfield"s own State," it is now unhappy because Mr. Conkling is believed to have been instrumental in bringing this about. The Tribune wants the public to believe that Conklin

PERSONALITIES.

MR. JAMES GORDON BENNETT has left 'aris for a few days' solourn at Nice. MRS. BRIGHT EYES TIMBLES, the Ponca ide, has been visiting Sitting Bull at Fort

Randall.

THE other day ex-Senator Dorsey hipped fifty carloads of steers from his ranche in New Mexico. Du. J. Mauron Sims is nonin a resident

of Paris, the papers of which city refer to his improved health. Mr. Andrew Carnegue, a wealthy citi-

en of Pittsburg, has offered to that city a free liprary on which he promises to expend \$25,000. Mrs. Gronge M. PULLMAN, wife of the dace-car inventor, with her family, has returned o her residence in Paris for the winter months. Among the scholars of a public school

Woonsocket, R. I., is a man 46 years of age, who attends regularly. But he will graduate in the LONG JOHN WENTWORTH, of Chicago, flat-

ers himself that he is the last survivor of the bat-

tle of Thames, October 13, 1813, where Tecumseh MR. WILLARD HUSTINGTON, the nephew of Mr. C. P. Huntington, is engaged to marry Miss Marie L. Ream, a relative of Mrs. Vinnie Ream-Hoxie, the sculptor.

Mr. Wilson, one of the leaders of the English Education Society, says that there is and always has been an undoubted co-existence of relgiosity and animalism.

An admirer of Patti says: "She is the most magnetic creature. She just draws your soul out of your body." "And money from your pocket," he might have added. KING HUMBERT, anxious to pay his

father's extraordinary debts, practices an economy unparalleled by a crowned head. He has tried to sell several of the royal palaces. Ir is said that John Humphrey Noyes, ounder of the Onelda Community, is a cousin of totherford B. Hayes. Why didn't the Democrats

find this fact out in the summer of 1876?

SENORA AUGUSTINA RAMIREZ, the mother f twelve sons, who with their father all died in arms against the French, has just been awarded a ion of \$150 a month by the Mexican Congress PROFESSOR SEELEY is of the opinion that

historical societies should become more political and less archeological, and create a public to whom the scientific historian might address him-THE person who started the story that Longfellow had a cancer in his cheek, is the "cheekiest" citizen heard of in a long time. The The

listinguished poet is suffering with no such thing. MRS. MARY BURNETT BASSETT died at Brenham, Tex., about the middle of November, and her sister, Mrs. Annette Lewis Ingle, died at Henderson, S. C., a few days ago. They were great-

grandnieces of General George Washington. Spurgeon says that when you meet a nad dog you should never argue with him, unless you are sure of your logic. It is better to get out of his way; and if anybody calls you a coward you need not call him a fool—everybody knows that.

ILLUSTRIOUS names in American history, names never to be forgotten as the earth continues its daily revolution—Guitesu, "Little Eva," Eli Perkins, "Uncle Tom," Dr. Mary Walker, George Francis Train, Sammy Tilden, Susan B. Authony, Dan Rice, Da ius Allen, Bob Ingersoll, "The Sweet Singer of Michigan," Jay Gould, and John

A TOUCHING scene was witnessed one vening last week in a Boston concert hall. E. W. Locke, the song writer and singer, had just sung and whistied "We're Marching On to Richmond," when a soldier came forward and took his hand, saying: "I heard you sing that song when I lay wounded on the battle-field, and I shall never for-

DR. ISAAC I. HAYES is understood to have said that he had renounced political service and would now devote himself to magazine writing and lecturing. The other evening at Chickering and feeting. The other evening at Calcker-ing Hall, New York, he gave his first "Artic enter-tainment" before a large and enthusiastic audi-ence with diagrams regarding his four years' ex-perience in the Polar seas and amid Polar scenes. Dr. Hayes is a magnetic speaker and full of en-thusiasm upon his theme, and he will undoubtedly make a great success throughout the Union with

MR. JOHN McCullough began his fourth week at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, yesterday evening, appearing as Spartaces, in Dr. Bird's tragedy of "The Gladiator," which was written for Edwin Forrest. Mr. McCullough's physical powers fit this character as well as Mr. Forcest's old, and he seems to the auditors to be indeed the Thracian captive who successfully vanmished Roman generals. In the tender scenes with his dramatic wife Mr. McCullough's voice was soft and touching, and it was exceedingly effective also in passionate declamation character is one excellently adapted to Mr. Mc-Cullough. Mr. Edmund Collier was the Phasarius, and at the end of the second act he received, with Mr. McCullough, a recall.

THE POST-OFFICE SCANDAL. Report of the Testimony as to Major

Evans' Conduct. Mr. Webster Elmes, who has been investigating the charges made against Major Evans, of the Sixth Auditor's Office, yesterday submitted his report to the Secretary of the Treasury. The report simply gives the facts as brought out by the syldence, and also states that there was some diffimity in getting witnesses, and, in many cases, the witnesses refused to attend. This was especially the case with the witnesses of his alleged criminal and improper conduct at his room in the Depart-

nent with a female clerk. The persons occupying ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF SEVENTH STREET refused to testify, and the only testimony on this olot is to the effect that he was seen sitting near he window of his room hugging and kis voman; but there was no testimony to show the riminal conduct alleged. The examiner had no ower to compel the attendance of these witness and all the testimony that was taken was purely voluntary. In regard to the charge of making false entries in the books and manipulating the accounts, the only witness whose testimony was important was in Colorado, and could not be sumned. The evidence in this particular was there fore unsatisfactory and incomplete. Another charge was that of intemperate babis. There was onsiderable evidence taken, but it was conflict-

SOME WITNESSES TESTIFIED to having seen him drink, but had never seen him drunk. The bulk of the evidence was against an excessive use of intoxicating liquors. The report makes no recommendations, but simply submits the evidence. Major Evans called yescorday upon Secretary Folger and asked him about his rumored removal. The Secretary told him that he had not ordered his removal, and before any action in the case he would be allowed an opportunity to be neard in his own defense.

Methodist Mass-Meeting. According to the notice published in THE REPUBLICAN YESTERDAY & mass meeting of the members of the several Methodist Episcopal McKendree M. E. Church, Massachusetts agenue between Ninth and Teath streets, on last evening. A large audience attested the interest felt in the object of the gathering, which included most of the ministers and many of the prominent laymen of that church in the city. Rev. Bishop Andrews presided and Rev. C. Herbert Richardson was elected secretary. Rev. W. I. McKenney opposed the devotional exercises and Rev. I. C. Hagey led in prayer. Bishop Andrews made a clear and cogent address, showing the needs of such an organization as was proposed, and the advantages that might be secured by an effective union among the various Methodist Episcopal churches. Brief addresses were also made by Major H. A. Hall and Rev. C. Herbert Richardson. The meeting resolved to proceed to the formation of a church union, and after an interesting discussion adopted a constitution. It was resolved to postpone the election of officers until a subsequent meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in January at McKendree Church,

District Estimates.

The District Commissioners yesterday uses of all branches of the District Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883. The total amount is \$8.451,548.81. The letter with which the estimates were transmitted to the Speaker of the House gives the various items, which have already been published in THE REPUBLICAN.

Smallpox in the City.

Health-Officer Townshend sent a letter to the Commissioners yesterday asking for the on of \$500, to be used in removing afflicted perTHE RIFLES' DRESS PARADE.

Their Evolutions Witnessed by a Distinguished Company.

of Colonel J. O. P. Burnside, gave a dress parade and drill in front of the Arilington ou Monday night. A large concourse of speciators were gathered on the steps and balconies of the hotel to witness the evolutions, and among them were noticed General S. D. Atkins, Hon. R. M. A. Hawk, Hon. D. H. Sunderland, Dr. F. D. Buckley, Mr. A. F. Orecu, and Messrs, Tarlot, Tandy, Babcock and Protects, and Messrs, Tarbot, Tandy, Habbook and Protects, all of Illinois, and a large number of army and ex-army officers and several brominent residents and ladies. Un-der the silvery light of the full moon, with a most perfect night and a cloudless sky overhead, the company entering the plaza from I street a few minutes after, marched with swinging step and military precision, preceded by the drum corps of the Marine Band. As the men wore their overcoats and shakes it gave them. men were their overcoats and shakes it gave them, exceptionally tall as they are, the appearance of giants. It was a most inspiring scene, and round after round of applause greeted their appearance. Past the hotel they marched in columns of platoons, coming to the "carry" and "guide right" as the passed "the staff," Then counterward the staff, the counterward the staff of the staff. marching they came to a halt in front of the hotel, when "in place rest" was allowed the men for a few minutes. Immediately after this pause the solid work of the evening began, the commanding officer, Colonel Burnside, putting the corps through almost the entire manual. Pirst in vo ranks, then in single, the commands ringing out on the clear night air in rapid succession out on the clear night air in rapid succession, change following change the moment the pre-ceding , one was completed. The marching in column of platoons, company front, obliques, and flankings were executed with the utmost received. the utmost precision, eliciting rounds of applause from the crowd present. The corps turned out on this occasion sixty officers and men, and by their fine appearance and excellent manouvres were highly complimented. The organization is but a little more than a year old, and has been armed

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less than one year. It is con-best young men of the city.

Miss Anderson as "Parthenta"-An Ex

retient Performance.

The audience that filled the National Theatre last evening was remarkable, as well for its character as for its numbers. Scattered in the orchestra seats were a large number of distin-guished people, members of both the Senate and House, and their families, while the boxes were all filled with intelligent parties, the ladies in many instances being as brilliantly arrayed as though it were an opera night. There were several parties ranging in numbers from four to a dozen, and, in fact, these theatre parties are becoming more and more popular each season. It is noticeable, however, that they are coly. however, that they are only made up when the attractions are first-class. General Sherman, who is a bonanza to the managers, had a party, and the old veteran applauded with as much vigor as the young man who sat on the end of the row of seats and bursted a pair of bran-new kids in as-sisting to bring the gifted and beautiful Mary before the curtain at the close of the third act. Colonel Corkhill occupied a box with a distin-guished party of "experts," and from the eagerness with which they followed the play it is not clear how much satily they themselves had upon the subject of Mary Anderson of all the characters assumed by Miss Anderson (and the writer has seen her in all that she has ever presented in this city) that of Parthenia is the one in which she is most popular. The sentiment of the play of "Ingomar" is one that appeals to the sympathies of an audience and Impels attention. Miss Anderson's Parthenia has gained in tenderness in the love presents and

tenderness in the love passages, has been softened in the more impassioned scenes, and is now almost a complete picture. She richly deserved the liberal applause that was showered upon her in every act, and the calls be-fore the curtain were but the just compliments to her splendid acting. Equal praise should be awarded Mr. J. B. Studley for his finished and artistic portrayal of the Barbarian. There was the wild, reckiess, savage nature, the noble 1 bysique. the fierce desire when the passion of love was first felt, the gradual softening and the abandonment of his wild life to live with those in cities so that he might wed her who had wrought this great change, were all depicted with force and effect, and he rightfully shared the plaudits of the audience. Mr. Robert Downing, as Allower, was seen in a character more suitable to his heroic style, and looked and acted the part admirably. To-night Miss Anderson will appear as Evadne

A quintette of probably the most fin-ished musicians in the District have for some time been engaged in playing together at least one night in each week, mainly for their own personal gratification and improvement. Their coming to-gether originally was without thought of giving public performances, but they were attracted by their love for music of the higher order. At length, reaching a high degree of perfection in playing concerted music, they yielded to the solicitations of their friends, and consented to give a series of chamber concerts, the first of which will take place to-morrow night at Marini's Hall. These concerts should be pat-ronized by all lovers of music, for the enjoyment to be obtained will be of the highest quality. The programme for the first concert will include string quartette, opus 4, Beethoven; andaute, string quartette, Schubert, and plano quintette, opus 47, chumann. The price of subscription tickets for the entire course of four concerts is \$5, and single tickets are \$1. The subscription list is at Ellis' music store, where reserved seats may also be se-

More Liquor Licenses.

The following liquor licenses were aproved by the Commi oners yesterday : Samuel C. Carter, 1010 C street southwest; John Durlenge 1102 P street northwest; Charles Essig, 1200 E street orthwest; John English, 928 and 930 Pennsylva nia avenue northwest; Julius Fauth, 304 Eleventh street northwest; Frederick Freedman, 304 Tenth street northwest; J. W. Haskins, Sheridan street, between Seventh street and Sherman avenue, county; William Holmus, 404 Seventh street north-west; Robert Hoy, 314 Eleventh street northwest; Harvey & Holden, 1016 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Columbus Kane, 1201 E street north-west: Christian Platta, 209 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Philip Riter, 305 Tenth street northwest; T. M. Hurd, 981 Louislana avenue north wood road, county, and C. L. Wood, 512 O street northwest.

Brick-yards Burned. The fire alarm turned in at three o'clock resterday morning from box 512 summoned the department to the extensive brick-yards of Isaac P. Childs, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth and C and D streets northesst. The machine house and

all the valuable machinery were totally consumed. Such portions of walls and sheds as are still standing are so badly sprung that it will be necessary to tear them down. The loss is fixed at \$40,000 and there is only \$10,000 insurance. There is no doubt that the conflagration was the work of an incon-diary, as the private watchman reports that the sheds were set on fire earlier in the night, and he extinguished the flames, but was not aware that fire had broken out in the second place until the flames were beyond control. "The Messiah."

The Philharmonic Society will give self first concert this season on the 14th instant at the Congregational Church. The oratorio seceted is "The Messiah," and the soloists will be Miss Ida Hubbell, soprano; Miss Anna Drasili, contralto; Mr. Theodore Toedt, tenor, and Franz Remmeriz, basso. All these are well-known here except Miss Hubbell, and she is said to be equal in point of excellence to the others. The direction of the craterio will be under the control of Mr. Anton Gloctzner, who has brought the philharmonics to a high degree of perfection in chorus singing. Mr. William Waldecker will be the or-ganist. The admission is but \$1, with no extra charge for reserved seats. The sale comme pesterday at Metzerott's.

More Names Drawn for Jury Daty. The following names were yesterday drawn from the jury-box to fill the vacancies in the grand and pull juries of the December term of the Criminal Court: Grand jury-John Sherman, Ninth and F streets; George T. Keen, 414 Ninth street; Thomas Gant, 221 C street; B. U. Keyser, 529 Seventh street; Donnis Meland, 1150 Twentieth street: Henry C. McCauley, 913 Fourth street southeast; Hogis J. Hart, 711 Second street; Joshua Clark, 1248 Eleventh atreet southeast. Petit jury-Philip Himckel, 328 Indiana avenue; J. E. Brooke, county; James Fitzpatrick, 1316 New York avenue; Phillip Hutton, 1994 M street southeast; Leon Scheil, this N street; George H. Cogan. Green, county.

yesterday in the case of Dr. C. C. C. C. A now at Et. Etisabeth's, by a special jury summoned by the Marshal. He was adjudged hisans, and the court placed on file in the Register's office.

FOR THE WOMEN.

Long-haired furs have quite gone out. *. Cannry colored motre is very fashionable for

The National Rifles, under command Sagging Louis XIV, puffs are seen upon imported

atin tollets. Winter petticonts with a leather facing are the

atest whim of an English dressmaker. Quaint and tiny Queen Mab poke bonnets of

white plush or beaver are worn by little girls.

Manufacturers of repped goods have induced
Worth to try and bring them into favor again. A skeleton, holding in its fleshless arms a baby,

and at the same time playing a fiddle, is a new and grim terra cotta toy. The size and shape of some of the novelties in head-goar are astounding, and suit lunatics much better than sensible women.

Five feathers on a bonnet are a minimum. The maximum depends upon the ingenuity of the milliner in finding room for them. Miss Harris, daughter of the late secretary of

Harvard College, is to have charge of the secre-tary's office during the coming year. New Freuch tea-gowns show a combination of

pale-colored heliotrope and sage-gree caded with sliver flowers and leaves.

There is no better way of proclaiming your poverty or your parsimony than by wearing cheap cotton velvet. Wear silk velvet or none. Spanish bounets of white plush, trimmed with cascades of pearl-beaded lace and wreaths

of white silk posspons, are "lovely" for blondes.

The pocket-muff is not an ophemeral fashion It grows in favor and has bee ow it assumes a very useful and practical Creeping things obtrude on paper and card. Snakes coil themselves on letter paper, and lix-ards in relief, colored to the IIfe, disport on din-

er cards. Table-covers made of cream-and-brown gram cloth seventy-two inches wide, and which cost but eighty-seven cents a yard, are both pretty and in-

expensive. An Ohio girl sued a man for breach of promise and proved him such a mean scoundrel that the jury decided that she ought to pay him something for not marrying her.

Soft thick sating, velvets and plushes, overlaid

with designs, raised so decidedly as to give them the effect of being put in relief, are the rage with all who can afford them. The new individual butter plates of silver, with eastoral scenes painted in

dead silver, are pretentious but not half so nice as the plates of porceinin. Two girls at Greenwich, Eng., climbed five fences, wrenched off a lock, and plundered a house lately. If this goes on, male burglars will have to

strike, like the cigar men. It is the newest agony to exhibit wedding presents without the cards of the givers, and this is a great blow to that class who send plated fishknives and second-hand fee-cream sets.

Tawny, yellow-colored Danish gloves, reaching far above the elbows, are worn with elegant even ing dresses of the most delicate description, especially those of white and cream color. A "winter on the Nile" is now the correct thing, and all the fashionables who have the necessary

funds, and are ambitious to be "correct," will follow their leader and make haste for Egypt. A lady wore at a party the other evening a dress of white plush embroidered with green leaves, on which were pearls to represent dewdrops. It was declared to be too utterly esthetic for anything. "Madame," said the butler to Mrs. Pacific

Coast, as she sat in the parlor surrounded by her friends, "dinner is served." "Why, how foolish." she exclaimed; "what's the use of serving it until we get there?" Pretty window shades are made of black tulle, mbroidered with birds of every hue, and when placed against a window (with white curtains looped back) overlooking a garden, have a very preity effect, as at a short distance the tulle is im-

erceptible. Miss Maunitta Daisey will ask the Kentucky Legislature, which convenes this week, to consider her claims for the office of State Librarian. She is a school teacher, and is described as a brave, handsome little woman, who has fought her way single-handed to the front. The Queen of Italy's taste in dress is unimpeach-

able. At one of the fetes given in honor of her-self and husband as Vienna she wore a creamcolored dress covered with most delicate lace looped up with a bow. No sleeves, but on the shoulders large bracelets of emeralds, diamonds, and white and pink pearls, Miss Edgeworth put in her protest against the habit which spoke of a young lady's education as

finished" when the governoss was dismissed I hope you will say that your education has jus said the virtuous governess. But, in the begun," said the virtuous governess. But, in the face of Miss Edgeworth and common sense, careless conversation still permits such a misuse of the word "education." A beautiful reception bonnet is in the Charlotte Corday shape, and is made of dark moss-green brocaded plush, with a wreath of golden oats en-

circling the crown. Inside, the bonnet is faced with pale gold-colored satin sublime, veiled with a delicate network of emerald, gold, and ruby beads. The broad strings are of the dark green plush, lined with gold-colored sat Very low divans have replaced the time-honored sofa. They should be covered with striped satiu, each stripe of a different color and embroid ery. For instance, a yellow stripe has green ara-besque designs, a red has yellow, while the dark violet has gold. A row of satiu cushions, each of

a different color and embroidered exclusively in gold, is placed against the wall to serve as a back. The aesthetical ladies of the day who write have taken to employing adjectives in senses which are puzziing to the average reader. One of these ladies lately denounced white marble mantel-pieces on the ground that they are "unthinking." And Mrs. Hawels, in her latest pronunciamento on art in the house, declares that Queen Anne tables are not nice because they stand upon "emasculated

little legs." One of Worth's latest costumes is in copper-colored cashmere and velvet. The underskirt is of velvet and perfectly plain. The overskirt of cash-mere is shirred in one row up the centre of the front, falling away at the sides in gracefully curved drapery. The jacket is long and tight fitting and is made of stamped velvet, with a vest of pals pearl gray satin, embroidered in a delicate patters

around the edges with copper-colored silk.

Indiana Sociable. The Indianians resident and sojourning in this city had a social gathering last night, the object of which was to do honor to one of their most honored fellow-citizens, the Hon. D. P. Holoway, president of the Indiana State Association. loway, president of the infining state association. Their testimonial of respect took the form of a very handsome pipe, which was presented to Mn Hollowsy on behalf of the Indianians by the Hon. Godiove S. Orth in a very neat speech. Mr. Hollowsy responded in a very happy manner. The occasion was one of great social pleasure, the ladies lending the aid of their bright eyes to the occasion.

The Le Droit Park Nulanuce. The case of Moore against Barber and others, the proprietors of Le Droit Park, for main-taining a nuisance, damages \$20,000, was tried in the Circuit Court yesterday. The pisintiff owns the property of the east of the park, and having refused to allow a sewer to be run under his land, the sower stops at the boundary line, and the contents run over the surface of his land. A partial hearing was had yesterday, and this morn-ing the jury, at the invitation of the counsel for the defense, will be driven to Le Droit Park and look over the premises, and upon their return

the trial will be resumed. German Theatrical Performance.

A well attended German theatrical per formance took place last evening at Abner's Hall, three pleasing little comedicties being rendered by the dramatic troups of the Concordia Theatre. Baltimore, cutitled "Sie hab the Herz Entdeckt," "Papa Hat's Erlaubt," and "Das Singooegelehen. The sudience contained quite a number of Ger man speaking, native-born citizens who reemed to enjoy the entertainment fu"v as much as the Teutonic part of the audience, and participated as heartly in the laughter caused by the mirth-pro-voking and indicrons situations of these plays.

St. Matthew's Pair.

The fair at Willard Hall for the benefit of St. Matthew's Church is meeting with a gratify-ing success, and the untiring efforts of those in charge are being rewarded. There have been some changes in the attendants at the tables. The following are now in charge of the flower bower; Miss Agues Snyder, in charge; as istants, Miss Et la Joyce, Mrs. Scheckles, Misses De Ronceray, Miss Lillie Cavanaugh, Miss Flora Jacobs, Miss Jennie Cogan, Miss Katie Joyce, Miss Maggie Ragon, and Miss Maggie Joyce are the attendants at Itolocca's

An inquirendo de lunatico was instituted | The Late G. W. Riggs' Personal Property. esterday in the case of Dr. C. C. Cox, now at St. The inventory of the personal estate of George W. Riggs was returned yesterday and